

TOWN OF ARLINGTON



Cemetery Commission Minutes

Date: January 08, 2020
Time: 9:00am
Location: Mt. Pleasant Cemetery Chapel

Attendance: Commissioners Michele Hassler, Bill McCarthy and Brian Hasbrouck, DPW Director, Mike Rademacher, Op. Mgr. Dan Warren

Minutes

1. Minutes approved for December 11, 2019
2. Signed Deeds (1)
3. Street signs; 5 signs are left to do with all posts in place.
4. Dumpster; Michele discussed the altercation she had with someone parking on the grave space to use the dumpster for household trash. Michele told the party it was not allowed. Request was made for a covered and locked dumpster with proper signage about illegal dumping. Video camera was also discussed.
5. Decoration cleanup will begin January 13th, weather permitting.
6. Discussed a permanent barrier on Henderson to prohibit the parking in the cemetery from non-visitors. Mike will talk to engineering to evaluate for availability for an auto turnaround and be resolved by the spring.
7. HH section is available for selling of single grave, flat marker.
8. Discussed ways of boosting sales of the columbarium around Memorial Day weekend and possibly doing a booth at Town Day on September 26, 2020.
9. Tree plantings are planned for the spring and discussed plantings for the Green Burial boundary.
10. Landscape bid will go out shortly to begin April 2020. We talked about the pruning of the bushes and the dumping of leaves over the fence to the cemetery.
11. Dan informed all about the rut in the EE section and suggested that maybe a boulder would help deter parking there. Further discussion in February.
12. CPA meeting on OBG project will be January 22, 2020.
13. Monthly numbers were given and annual revenue report was available.

Arlington Cemetery Commission Goals for 2020

1. Secure waste area at rear of the chapel
2. Have Arlington Engineering develop a plan for a turn-around at the end of Henderson Ave.
3. Secure the end of Henderson Ave. from through traffic
4. Implement #2 and #3
5. Visual barriers, like hedges, to place along fence to block view of industrial building on Henderson Ave.
6. Replacement tree plantings/maintenance to begin in Spring as discussed with the Arlington Tree Warden
7. New landscaping services contract to be awarded and services to begin
8. The final stage of the street sign replacements will be finished
9. Have Arlington Engineering develop a plan for roadway issues on Totten Way
10. Implement #9
11. Open the HH field
12. Put in the boundary/pathway for the Green Field and have open/ready for Memorial Day
13. Continue to assess/plan for the restoration of the 5 tombs
14. Implement the restoration of the tombs
15. Extend the gardens in front and side of the chapel and down by the brook in conservation area. Plantings/trees on side of and behind garage
16. Renovate the circle in front of the columbarium - Memorial Day goal- though may not be attainable- but should be done this year
17. Presence at Town Day 2020 to increase awareness of columbarium niche availability

Meeting adjourned 10:12am

Next meeting will be February 12, 2020

Respectfully submitted
Jean Smith

Board of Cemetery Commissioners
Michele A. Hassler, Chairperson
William F. McCarthy
Brian L. Hasbrouck